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1. DEPT. HAS REVIEWED AIDE-MEMOIRE PROPOSED REFTEL (A) AND
SUGGESTS MODIFICATION SO THAT FINAL TEXT WOULD READ AS
FOLLOWS:

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE TERMINATION ON FEBRUARY 28,
1975 OF THE US/BRAZIL AGREEMENT CONCERNING SHRIMP OF 1972
AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEW PROPOSED AGREEMENT
INITIALED ON FEBRUARY 7, 1975 MAY NOT BE READY FOR
SIGNATURE BY MARCH 1, 1975, WHICH IS THE BEGINNING OF THE
1975 SHRIMP FISHING SEASON, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES BELIEVES THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM
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ARRANGEMENT CONCERNING SHRIMPING OPERATIONS IN THE AREA OF

AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT IS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL, AND WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

THE USG CONSIDERS THAT THE MOST SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE CONDUCT OF SHRIMP FISHING WITHIN THE AREA OF AGREEMENT DURING THIS INTERIM PERIOD WOULD BE THE APPLICATION BY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW PROPOSED AGREEMENT IN A MUTUAL EFFORT TO ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSES. THEREFORE, OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO ENSURE, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, THAT UNITED STATES VESSELS WHICH FISH FOR SHRIMP IN THE AREA OF AGREEMENT ARE VESSELS WHICH WERE PERMITTED TO FISH FOR SHRIMP IN THE AREA OF AGREEMENT UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 9, 1972. MOREOVER, THE USG WILL TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT NOT MORE THAN 160 OF THESE VESSELS FISH WITHIN THE AGREEMENT AREA AT ANY ONE TIME. THE USG INTENDS THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT SHOULD CONTINUE FROM THE OPENING OF THE SEASON ON MARCH 1, 1975 UNTIL THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS ARE SIGNED, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR ON OR ABOUT MARCH 15, 1975.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT TO GOB THAT WE EXPECT AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN NEW AGREEMENT BY NEXT WEEK, PENDING RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZED PORTUGUESE TEXT AND SUBSEQUENT LANGUAGE COMPARISON. LANGUAGE COMPARISON CAN BE TIME CONSUMING ELEMENT IN PROCESS, SO WE URGE GOB TO HAVE OFFICIAL PORTUGUESE TEXT READY ASAP. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS WOULD NOT DELAY COMPLETION OF PROCEDURES PAST MARCH 15, 1975.

3. REGARDING SUGGESTION BY BATH REFTTEL (B) THAT GOB RESPOND BY "TAKING NOTE" OF USG PROPOSAL, DEPT. BELIEVES EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO PERSUADE GOB TO RESPOND WITH TEXTUAL AIDE-MEMOIRE SETTING FORTH BRAZILIAN VIEW. HOPEFULLY TEXT WOULD FOLLOW ALONG LINES OF U.S. AIDE-MEMOIRE AND WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT UNDERSTANDING EXISTS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED.
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4. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE GOB RESPONSE ASAP AS U.S. SHRIMP VESSELS ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF PROCEDURES AGREED UPON BEFORE PREPARING TO FISH MARCH 1. KISSINGER

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